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Message OF THE Month

The Sin Of Indifference

"And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil." (Zeph. 1:12.)

FEW people are aware of the vital distinction between *tolerance* and *indifference* with regard to religious beliefs. Yet there is a world of difference between the two. One must always be tolerant, but never indifferent toward divergent beliefs about the things of God. Tolerance, in this matter, is a virtue; indifference a sin. A good Protestant must be tolerant of the beliefs of others. But a good Protestant, on the other hand, can never be indifferent to the beliefs of those other people.

To be indifferent about knowing, living up to, and defending the truth of God is equal to saying that God does not care what is right and what is wrong, what is evil and what is good. It has been well said that God cares more for the man on the wrong side of the fence than the one who straddles it. Christ forgave, and especially prayed to His Father for the soldiers who drove the nails into His hands and feet. But one of His harshest sayings is directed against those who are indifferent: "*So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*" (Rev. 3:16.)

This thought is especially important for Protestants today. Their historic faith, their culture that has given the best hope for decency in the world so far, and the very foundations of their Christian beliefs are being undermined today by powerful forces all around them. If Protestants remain indifferent toward this danger, then it amounts to an admission that they do not care what becomes of their heritage, that they are not concerned whether or not this heritage will be passed on after them to their children and their children's children.

Protestants acting in this way in reality say that God Himself doesn't care what is right and what is wrong, and thus accuse God of being indifferent to good and evil.

They may not say so in words, but as the prophet Zephaniah warned, they thus say in their hearts, "*The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.*" And by their silence, indifferent Protestants consent to this in the eyes of their enemies and of the whole world.

THAT D. P. BILL

PRESIDENT TRUMAN was wrong when he declared that the D. P. bill passed at the regular session of the 80th Congress discriminates against Roman Catholics as well as Jews. He has been contradicted, not only by Catholic Representatives in Congress who supported the bill, but by no less a person than Monsignor Edward E. Swanstrom, chairman of the National Catholic Resettlement Council, specially organized by the Catholic Church authorities to secure legislation that would bring as many Catholics as possible into the country.

Speaking before this Catholic council in Buffalo last July 14, Monsignor Swanstrom declared that the D. P. law "is not discriminatory as far as Catholics are concerned." He also admitted that "*at least 55 per cent of the persons to be admitted are Catholics.*"

Yet this Catholic Resettlement Council is not content with this 55 per cent, and have been pressuring Congress to amend the law to include persons placed in D. P. camps in Europe up to April, 1947. This would further increase the Catholic percentage. It is aimed also to amend the law so as to increase the number of industrial workers to be admitted. These would swell Catholic percentages and the Catholic vote in our large cities. The wisdom of the bill as it stands may be seen from the fact that it insists on a fair proportion of thrifty farm workers who would be an asset to America's rural life.

Congested city life breeds crime and disease, and it has been publicly admitted by Bishop John Nöll that

"nearly all the evils of society prevail most where we [Catholics] live and not where Protestants live." (N. Y. Times, March 13, 1947.) He further declared that 80 per cent of Protestantism is rural. "There are only 7,000,000 members of Protestant churches in the fifty largest cities of the country," he added, "but 20,000,000 Catholics."

Why increase Catholics (and crime) in our already over-populated cities?

VATICAN CALLED "INSTIGATOR OF NEW WAR"

A VERY SERIOUS charge was made against the Vatican by all the representatives of the Orthodox Church who met for the 500th anniversary of their independence from Rome last July 22nd. The declaration was signed by the Patriarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as those of Alexandria, Antioch, Georgia, Rumania and Bulgaria.

The declaration of these Orthodox Church representatives is worth recording in full. Here is what they said:

The Roman Popes were always on the side of the powers of this world and went against the weak and exploited. So, also at present, the activity of the Vatican is directed against the interest of the workers. The Vatican is the center of international intrigues against the interest of peoples, in particular, Slavic peoples; it is the center of international fascism.

All Christians, without regard to nation and religious faith, can only label this policy of the Vatican as anti-Christian, anti-democratic and anti-national.

Some may discount this resolution of the Patriarchs of the Eastern Orthodox Church because of their connec-

tion with the Russian Orthodox Church. But just because this happened in Russia should not take away from the seriousness of the charge. Everything that was said in their resolution can be proved as historic fact. The Eastern Orthodox Churches were the first protestants against the unscriptural teachings and political intrigues of the Church of Rome.

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it begin to be excessive? Was it when he began about two years ago, as he admitted, to embezzle the \$657,000 from the bank to cover his debts to bookies already amounting, at that time, to more than \$150,000?

This victim of the gambling evil, which led him on to embezzlement, forgery and other crimes, can justly blame his Church which taught him that, in principle, gambling is no sin in itself. How can a thing be right in principle and wrong only in certain applications of that principle? There is surely something wrong with a moral code that thus divorces principle from conduct. But this is common to the entire structure of the moral teachings of the Jesuits. It shows up in their distinction between teaching and practice in gambling, drinking and other profitable vices.

The individuals trained to accept their code are the helpless victims. The big gambling and liquor interests are the gainers—and the religion that makes their huge profits possible by its convenient moral code.

IS GAMBLING SINFUL?

THE EVILS OF GAMBLING were surely spotlighted by the admission of Judge P. James Pellecchia, Newark (N.J.) Police Court Magistrate and vice president of the Columbus Trust Company, that he had embezzled the astronomical sum of \$657,000.00 to bet on the races. Practically all the purloined funds, he admitted, according to the N. Y. *Times* of last July 14, were spent "gambling on horses." As chief Police Magistrate he also functioned as Judge in the family court in Newark's First Precinct.

What interests us is that this Judge Pellecchia, a Roman Catholic, is a graduate of the Jesuit School for Foreign Service at Georgetown (D. C.) University, and that it is the teaching of Jesuit Catholic theology that gambling (like drinking) is not a sin in itself. The Jesuit distinction made in this case is that only the "excess" of gambling is a sin. Judge Pellecchia's gambling was certainly "excessive" (he confessed that he often bet \$5,000 or \$6,000 a week on the races, and that he lost an estimated \$80,000 at Florida race tracks last winter). But when did

JACOB AND ESAU

● THE CONFLICT being waged between Jew and Arab in Palestine brings us back to *Genesis* 25:21-23:

"And Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord. And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels . . ."

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The Catholic Position In Europe

BY L. H. LEHMANN

AFTER WORLD WAR I the center of world power began to shift from Europe to America. World War II was a desperate attempt of the Axis nations to stem this trend, which was only accelerated, however, by their utter defeat in 1945. Today the United States has become the inheritor of the concentrated control of the politics, military might and business of the Western world.

The Vatican, by tying its wagon to the Fascist star of Mussolini and Hitler, had a hope, at that time, that this center of power could have been kept in Europe under a 'new order' of unified control embracing all the countries of Europe—from the Ukraine on the east to the Atlantic on the west, and from the outposts of Scandinavia on the north to the bastions of the Mediterranean on the south. For nearly five years during the war, Hitler's *Festung Europa* was just that. What pleased the Vatican during those years was the fact that in this 'Hitler's Europe,' only 17 per cent of its population was Protestant. (See map on following page.)

A revealing article in *Die Tat*, a Swiss (Zurich) newspaper of October 12, 1942, later featured in the Catholic Brooklyn *Tablet* of October 24 and syndicated to the entire Catholic press by N.C.W.C. news service at the time, summarized the Vatican's satisfaction at this consolidation of the Catholic

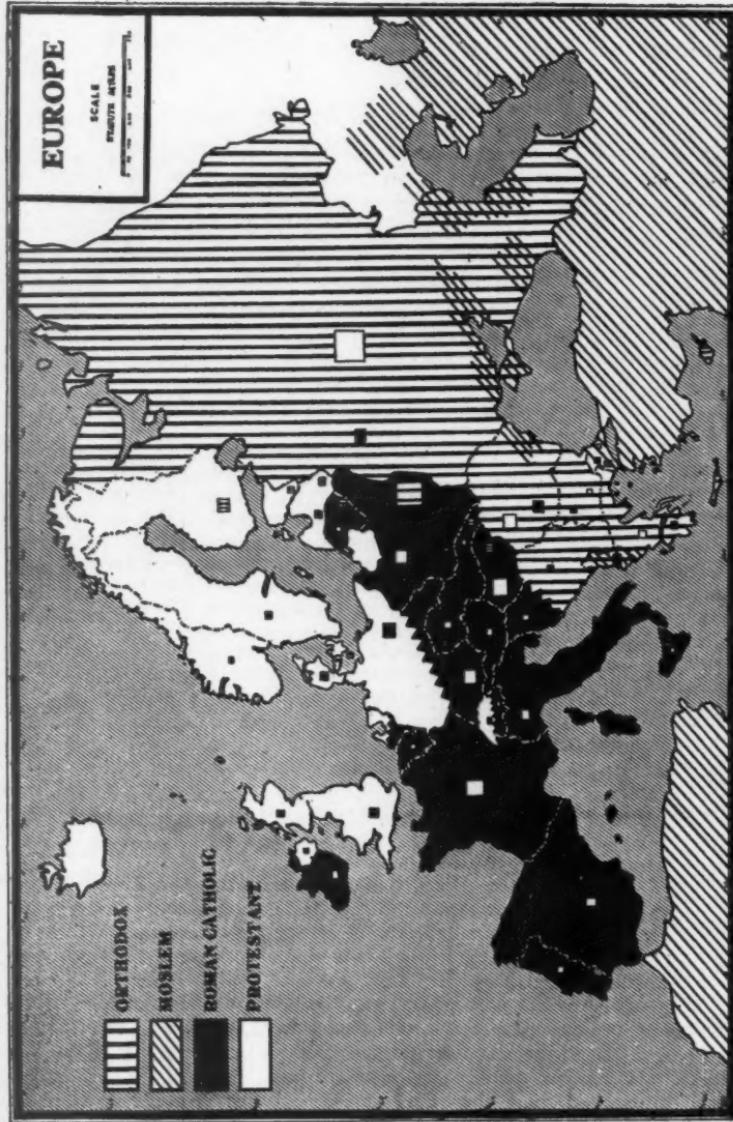
nations in Europe under the Nazi-Fascist regimes as follows:

"Among positive changes, the Curia hails with satisfaction: the change in France; a greater stability in the present governments in Spain and Portugal; Catholic determination in Slovakia and Croatia. Relations with Fascist Italy and with Hungary continue splendid."

This summary, as syndicated by the official N.C.W.C. news service, went on to say:

"The German Empire is today the State that exercises authority over more members of the Catholic Church than any other power—about 110 millions including the occupied territories of East and West. The Church consequently seeks to induce the rulers of the Third Reich to grant religious freedom to all Catholics, and tries to intervene when a great variety of reasons have threatened conflict between the Church and the civil authority."

The unconditional-surrender victory of the anti-Fascist Allied nations in 1945 completely changed that picture. This victory brought to realization the nightmare that had haunted Vatican diplomats for more than one hundred years—the invasion of Europe by the forces of Russia and the Slav nations of the east and south east. It was this dread that motivated the entire policy of the Vatican as far back as the middle of the last century. The Vatican and the Axis dictators were in complete agreement in their alliance to ward off this Russian invasion at any price. It was for this reason that the present Pope Pius XII was trained



EUROPE UNDER HITLER AND MUSSOLINI, 1943

This map shows how much of "Hitler's Europe" was controlled by the Catholic Church, and explains why the Vatican has always wanted to meddle in European affairs. It also shows why the Vatican has always supported a strong, authoritarian, militarist Germany as a bulwark against Russia and the influence of the Orthodox church, its ancient rival for dominance of all of Christendom. In "Hitler's Europe" Protestants formed only 17% of the whole population. Lutherans constituted three-fourths of all Protestants, the Reformed (Calvinists) one-quarter, and the Anglicans one-eighth.

U.S.S.R. AND COMMUNIST-DOMINATED AREAS



AFTER THE FLOOD—This is a map of Europe in 1948, with Hitler's 'Fortress Europe' (which was 83% Roman Catholic) destroyed, and the Red Russian and slavic tide lapping against the very walls of Rome.

from his youth as a special diplomat to Germany. His special task was to preserve a strong militarist Germany in alliance with the Vatican: either 1) to build an impregnable wall of resistance to keep out the threatened flood of invasion from the east; or 2) to invade and smash Russia once and for all as a potential power that might one day gain control of all Europe.

No less a newspaper than the *N. Y. Times*, as far back as February 9, 1887, warned in a forthright editorial that Pope Leo XIII's deliberate policy of aiding Bismarck's militarization laws for Germany to this end would eventually involve all the nations in a disastrous world war—not one, but two, as it turned out.*

These two world wars failed either to confine Russia behind the Polish

marshes and the Ukraine, or to smash it as a threat to unified Catholic control of Europe. Instead they opened the floodgates through which that invasion has poured—now as a more dreaded red tide—which has inundated Europe far into middle Germany and which at this moment is lapping against the very walls of Rome itself. (See map on page 231.)

The Vatican's present policy is one of watchful waiting to see if a universal socialist society will supplant Protestant America's traditional capitalist-democratic culture. It has many irons in the fire, not a few of which would be immediately applied to warm up Vatican-Soviet relations should our American capitalist society show signs of cracking up. In the meantime the Vatican and its pressure groups in the U. S. continue to benefit as much as possible from American dollars while drumming up a war against Russia.

* For the text of this extraordinary editorial in the *N.Y. Times* of Feb. 9, 1887, see my book: *Behind the Dictators*, Agora Publ. Co., \$1.75.

We Could Only Stammer: WHAT A FAITHFUL GOD!

Many thousands of Jewish Christians in Europe still continue to suffer extreme privations and heartbreaking sorrows. Here is a letter written out of the fullness of her heart by a Hebrew Christian mother in Germany.

"A few days ago I had the privilege of receiving a wonderful parcel from you, for which I thank you and all other children of God from the depths of my heart. Our joy was too great for words. We could only stammer, 'What a faithful God!' "The privations and horrors, heartaches and tears, through which we have gone have left indelible marks upon us.

"Our own loved ones were murdered in the gas chambers of Auschwitz concentration camp. Oh, that the Lord may show His mercy upon Israel and redeem her."

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MARTIN AND EISENHOWER

JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR., Speaker of the House, has denied that he belongs to any particular church, according to the Chicago *Daily News* in a dispatch from Washington, D. C., last June 11. His mother, still living, is a Roman Catholic. His father was a Presbyterian. In the above dispatch, Martin was reported as stating of churches: "They are all good. They are all going in the same direction." Our surmise is that he was baptized a Roman Catholic but does not practice any religion.

The statement in our June issue (p. 187) that our research would show that Martin is a Roman Catholic was based chiefly on the fact that he is listed as a Roman Catholic in *The Catholic Who's Who* for 1947 (p. 297) and in *Who's Who in Our American Government* (p. 29, col. 2), published in Washington, D. C. in 1935; also in the *N. Y. Times*, *Newsweek*, and others.

On the other hand, we can find no confirmation that General Dwight Eisenhower was ever a Roman Catholic, despite the statement in Green Peyton's book, *San Antonio—City in the Sun*, where he says (p. 95): "Captain Eisenhower was a Catholic in a Catholic city, and played football at West Point."

From Francis Trevelyan Miller's work, *Eisenhower, Man and Soldier*, we learn that the Eisenhowers belonged to the Brethren Church, popularly called "River Brethren" (Dunkers),

because they baptized in rivers, "a 'plain' sect akin to the Quakers, and their way of life was even more austere. Like the Friends, they regarded war as a cardinal sin." (p. 6) The Eisenhowers left Germany in 1732 to escape religious persecution. "General Ike" was born in Denison, Texas, on October 14, 1890, and attended the River Brethren Sunday School there. He was christened David Dwight Eisenhower, but later reversed his two first names. No church seems to claim him.



NEW VATICAN POLICY

DEMOCRACY is perhaps the most abused word in any language. It is used to cover all kinds of 'isms.' The Communists use it to defend their new system of government. Perón in Argentina says that his neo-fascist system is the only real democracy. Greece, Chaing Kai-Shek's China, Salazar's Portugal, even Franco's Spain, claim a monopoly of the word to bolster their new-fangled regimes.

It should not be surprising therefore to find the Vatican flying the colors of democracy as a false front to conceal its real policy in this confused post-war period. Almost too obvious, even to gullible Americans, are the honeyed words which the Pope speaks to make them believe he stands 100 per cent with them in defense of the Constitution of the U. S. A. We are reminded of Shakespeare's verses which he puts into the mouth of the scheming priest-politician of his day (in *King Richard III* Act 1, Scene 3):

"And thus I hide my naked villainy,
With old, odd ends stolen forth of Holy
Writ,
And seem a saint when most I play the
devil."

The Pope's spokesmen in America would have us believe that our American brand of democracy would be fine and dandy if we would only scrap that nasty Constitutional provision of Separation of Church and State and give the Roman Catholic Church its 'rightful' place of leadership in the nation. Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus, Ohio, lectured the St. Louis (Mo.) Council of Catholic Women last April 29 about this "great heresy" of the nineteenth century, which he declared, as reported in the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, "has blandly taken for granted that the realms of *civic life*, of *business concerns* and *international activities* are wholly outside the range of the Catholic Church's interest or actions." He further stated that "this secularist infection is nullifying democratic achievements and is leading to totalitarianism."

In other words, let the Catholic Church run our "civic life, our business concerns and international activities" and then we will have true democracy in America!

Pope Gregory XVI, in his encyclical *Mirari Vos* (1848), called liberty of conscience for all a "madness" (*deliramentum*); freedom of speech and freedom of opinion he called "the worst plague of all, the one to be most feared by the State." His successor, Pope Pius IX, irrevocably tied the policy of the Catholic Church to his *Syllabus of Errors* which condemns all

the four freedoms as we know them in America today. Pope Leo XIII, who came after him, solemnly declared in his encyclical *Libertas*: "*It is in no way lawful to defend, or to grant, unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing, or of religion.*" The present Pope Pius XII endorsed all these pronouncements of his predecessors when he became Pope, and in his very first encyclical (*Summi Pontificatus*) in 1939 reiterated the Catholic Church's traditional condemnation of the Separation of Church and State.

The new Vatican policy is just the old Jesuit, Maechiavellian strategy of concealing its real intent under the guise of the thing it wants to destroy. By sprinkling its faint praise of democratic freedoms with a few "old, odd ends stolen forth of Holy Writ," it hopes to divert the attention of Americans from its real aim of restoring its medieval control over all phases of American life.



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Press On - - To Freedom In Christ

[*THIS is the text of the address delivered by L. H. Lehmann before the biennial convention of the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation in Minneapolis last June 12.*]

FREEDOM is the most cherished possession of Christian life. Without it, the heritage of our faith, and the other blessings that go with it, could not be passed on to those who will come after us. It is the life-current of our Christian faith, that carries along with it everything that has been handed down to us from the past. All our knowledge of Christ and His saving work, all the blessed experiences of Christian heroes, all that has been built up in the institutions of the Christian Church, all the accumulated benefits that are ours because of the Great Saviour who died to save us—all these would be cut off from future generations if we had not the freedom to proclaim them. The power of Christ in the world would perish. The world would return to utter paganism.

This freedom in Christ, which we know and enjoy today, is a special product of the Protestant Reformation, initiated by Martin Luther and other converted priests in the 16th century. This is an historic fact that no one can deny. The outstanding fact of the 430 odd years since Martin Luther's day

has been the establishment and expansion of this freedom. It was a product theretofore unknown. Freedom in Christ may be said to be the hall-mark of the culture that came out of the Reformation—that culture which we today rightly call *American, Protestant, democratic*.

Even were this freedom blotted out tomorrow, these past four centuries would always be looked back to by future historians as a period when the western world for the first time was free to know and proclaim the all-saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ to a corrupt and lost world.

THE NATURE OF FREEDOM

Nothing, however, is so sadly misunderstood as this heritage of our Christian freedom, nothing so abused. Never has a word and the concept behind it been so cruelly twisted. Like other great words in which we trust—such as "Salvation," "Redemption," etc.—freedom to many, even who profess belief in Christ, retains many of its pagan connotations.

Freedom in Christ is not something that can be handed to you on a silver

platter by some political leader, by a pope or a church. Neither can it be given to you by any charter of government. The Constitution of the United States, for instance, does not give you freedom. It is merely an instrument to help you to *exercise* and *preserve* it. As a Christian, you have it from a source that is altogether above man. *It comes to you from the Cross of Christ on Calvary.*

Since this freedom springs from the stupendous act of salvation by the blood of Christ, it can be had only by the establishment of a personal relationship between you as a sinner, and your Saviour who saved you from sin.

That is why it can never be forced down upon mankind in the mass—as Communism, Roman Catholicism, Fascism, Nazism, and all the other 'isms' offered today as panaceas for the liberation of mankind. Liberty of the sons of God is something that must be built up synthetically by units, by a lot of individuals brave enough to have faith in the all-saving work of Jesus Christ on Calvary.

SIN AND SLAVERY

Freedom, therefore, is not the *getting* of something from some human power or institution. It is the *release* from that which makes us slaves, and which saves us from eternal death. *Freedom is salvation. Slavery is sin.* "The wages of sin is death; faith in Christ Jesus is eternal life." In other words, *freedom is release from sin.* It is that which gives us *life* and which saves us from *death.*

The whole drama of life centers

around these two things: *sin and salvation from it.* It is the raw, naked fact of sin that makes men slaves. All the longing and yearning of mankind of all times has been for just one thing: freedom from the bondage of sin. Sin brought suffering, slavery and death to man. That was the first act in the great drama of the life of man. The second act is the *release* from sin, the saving act that frees men from its bondage. *There can be thus no other root of freedom except in the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?

Most Protestants have had the fortune to be born into this freedom in Christ in Protestant Christian families. But to many less fortunate, it is necessary to travel a hard and difficult road before finding it. This is especially so in the case of one like myself, a converted priest of the Roman Catholic Church. I have had to come a long, bitter way out of the dark labyrinth of Roman Catholic error into the light and freedom in Christ that many have always known. To renounce the Roman priesthood involves much anguish of soul, a hard struggle that means the abandonment of all that has been near and dear to you from youth. It means tearing up by the roots all that was planted by sentiment and association in childhood and young manhood. It means taking Christ literally as His Word when He says: "*He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: . . . And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me.*" (Matt. 10:37, 38.)

Yet, it has been by such conversions of Roman Catholic priests that this great heritage of your Protestant faith has come down to you. It was because of the suffering and anguish endured by priests of the Roman Catholic Church in order to find freedom in Christ, that you were born, without any struggle, into that freedom. You know of the years of soul-anguish Luther had to go through to discover that assurance of salvation, that release from sin: that "*by grace we are saved through faith . . . not by works.*" I have experienced like Luther that terrible despair that comes of the denial of full freedom in Christ in Roman Catholic doctrine. "Thus the Gospel too" (in Roman Catholic teaching), Luther complained, "is only a revelation of the punitive righteousness of God, only a means of further torturing men who are already fearfully burdened with original sin and the Ten Commandments."¹ But also like Luther I, too, rejoice in having arrived at that great discovery of full freedom by the all-saving power of Christ. "Then it seemed to me," Luther says, "as if I were born anew and that I had entered into the open gates of paradise."²

FREEDOM IS FULL SALVATION

Abraham Lincoln once said that a nation cannot be half free and half slave. So with the individual. He cannot be half-saved or made just half-free. For freedom, like salvation, knows no half measures. If a man is saved he must be fully saved—"To the uttermost." No mere half-measure

of salvation will do. He must be saved or not-saved; bond or free, alive or dead in Christ. "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Jesus Christ.*" (Rom. 8:1) "*For He is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him.*"

DENIAL OF FREEDOM IN CATHOLICISM

How great masses of people are kept in bondage by the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church is a great mystery—a part of the great mystery of iniquity that works all the time, even in the Christian Church. Luther expresses this in his great hymn "A Mighty Fortress:" "*For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. Strong mail of craft and power, be weareth in this hour. On earth is not his equal.*"

Luther, as all of us ex-priests, arrived at the knowledge of this astounding fact: that Satan has succeeded best in frustrating the saving work of Christ among men under the very guise of Christ in the Roman Catholic Church. For, in Roman Catholic teaching and practice, although salvation is talked about, it is never guaranteed to anyone. Freedom, too, is discussed but not allowed to be exercised. Sin is multiplied, but never wholly forgiven. People are promised salvation, but are taught that they must still die in their sins; that they must go into death and the grave still unsaved, with an unlimited amount of suffering and expiation for sins to undergo after they are dead; that Christ's work on the Cross of Calvary was not sufficient; that the destiny of sinners after death depends upon the working of a priest's fingers,

¹ Boehmer, "Road to Reformation," p. 110.
² op. cit.

upon the sacrifices he must still offer for them day after day, even after they are dead.

Despite the might of its great institution, the power of its popes and bishops, the grandeur of its spectacular rituals, the Roman Catholic Church will not, and cannot, offer this freedom in Christ. Christ, it teaches, did not completely save; neither can the absolution and sacrifices of its own priests completely release you from the punishment for your sins.

It is by this means that the Roman Catholic Church builds up the power of its grandiose organization. By this denial to its millions of followers of full salvation, it robs the power of Christ from the hearts of the people and offers them instead the bondage of fear and the useless works of its

priests. If it preached full salvation by Christ, the one and only true priest, it would destroy the power of its own priesthood. It preaches that Christ paid only the first installment, the down payment, as it were, on the debt for sin, and that its priests must, by their daily sacrifices, make up for this difference.

This is not salvation. This is not freedom. This teaching keeps men unsaved, keeps them in bondage. It was from this bondage that Martin Luther's Reformation liberated the Christian Church four centuries ago.

The true Christian teaching is contained in *Hebrews 10:12*: "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

SALVATION MUST BE FREE AND COMPLETE

Since freedom is synonymous with salvation, salvation must free the individual from every smallest taint of slavery to men or the works of men in the spiritual order. For this, salvation must be complete, "to the uttermost." It must be accomplished, not on the level of man's working, but entirely on God's level. It must be, as *Hebrews 10:12* makes so clear, the direct result of that one sacrifice of Christ on Calvary that was offered "once and for all and forever." "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now, where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin." (*Hebrews 10:17, 18.*)

This kind of salvation could be obtained for lost man only by one "who is able" to do it in such a way that nothing was left over for other priests,



MARTIN LUTHER, dauntless Reformation leader.

mere men, to add to. It is of the essence of the "good news" of the Christian Gospel that this act of saving was done by One "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal to God," and who came down those seven steps outlined in *Philippians* 2:6-8, by which Christ: 1) "made himself of no reputation;" 2) "took upon himself the form of a servant;" 3) "was made in the likeness of man;" 4) "humbled himself;" 5) "be-



JOHN HUS, proponent of Wycliffe who was burned in public square as a heretic.

joint-heirs with Christ: . . . (Rom. 8:17).

How then could a man thus fully redeemed, made a son of God and heir of His glory, ever have to depend upon the "beggarly elements"—upon the works of a priest's fingers—to save him or to make up for lack of full saving power in Christ? To deny this full saving power to man is to make him a slave again; is to rob him of his birthright as a son and heir of God. *To deny man complete salvation in Christ is to deny him freedom in Christ.*

What does this denial of real salvation and freedom amount to? In the first place, it does not amount to a mere difference of opinion between the Catholic and the Protestant teaching about salvation by Christ; it does not mean just a grade of difference (as many think) between the two systems of salvation. It amounts to actual op-



JOHN WYCLIFFE, famous for making first major English translation of the Bible.

came obedient;" 6) "unto death;" 7) "even the death of the cross."

This great act of salvation liberated man, not only from slavery to other men, but also changed man's status as a slave of God Himself into one of divine sonship with God. *"And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and*

poses between the two. What the Roman Catholic Church teaches and practices about salvation is not salvation at all. It is a mere half-measure of salvation. But on God's level, there are no half-measures to God's actions, no half-truths concerning salvation. There are no nuances of Gospel truth as there are of colors.

What I discovered, after great mental stress and soul struggle, as all other converted priests discovered, was that Roman Catholicism by its teaching and its priesthood proves that Christ's work on Calvary was insufficient; that it is necessary to have a set of rules and regulations of a church power, and daily sacrifices of priests, to make up for that deficiency. But the crowning deception of all is that even with these priests and the work of their hands—along with Christ's work on Calvary—no man can be saved completely when he dies. In spite of the Godlike power of the Pope, the sacrifices and pardons and indulgences of priests, every one must go into death and the grave still unsaved. This leaves all men after they die in between heaven and hell, and still in the power of the priests of the Catholic Church.

These countless billions of suffering souls in Purgatory must depend—for untold ages—upon the sacrifices offered for them by priests on earth, for which a price must be paid. Thus neither Christ's sacrifice nor the repeated sacrifices of millions of priests can completely save!

If this were the true teaching of Christianity, then there would be no true salvation in Christ, no true freedom in Christ. The Christian Church would be the greatest hoax of history.

This is the sad, and soul-rocking discovery I made as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. I discovered that this not only made a mockery of logic, but also a mockery of Calvary. And it was when Martin Luther and his associates in the 16th century discovered this too, and proclaimed it to the people, that true Christian freedom was reasserted. And it is to this reassertion of full salvation in Christ that we today owe our precious heritage of freedom in Christ.

THE CATHOLIC COUNTER-REFORMATION

For 400 years, the Catholic Church has bitterly fought to wipe out the effects of the Protestant Reformation. It teaches and preaches that the Protestant Reformation of Martin Luther was the greatest tragedy of history. They attribute all the evils in the 20th century to the work that Martin Luther and the other priest reformers accomplished in the 16th century.

In his very first encyclical, *Summi Pontificatus*, the present Pope Pius XII declared:

"The denial of the fundamentals of morality had its origin in Europe in the abandonment of that Christian teaching, of which the Chair of Peter is the sole depository and exponent."

After that the Rev. Joseph H. Cassidy in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, declared:

"About 400 years ago, the Reformation set in motion the movement that was finally to defeat the Church's effort in building on western civilization a great 'family of Christian nations' . . . Logically then there was a breakdown in individual morals . . . Justice and equity were too often forgotten . . . With such a background then, with 400 years of gradually denying more and more of God, it is a short step to the confusion we have today."

Karl Adam, noted Catholic historian, in his work, *The Spirit of Catholicism*, writes:

"The sixteenth century revolt from the Church led inevitably to the revolt from Christ in the eighteenth century and thus to the revolt from God in the nineteenth century."

More recently United States district attorney, William J. Hammerell, speaking before the (Catholic) *Te Deum International* declared:

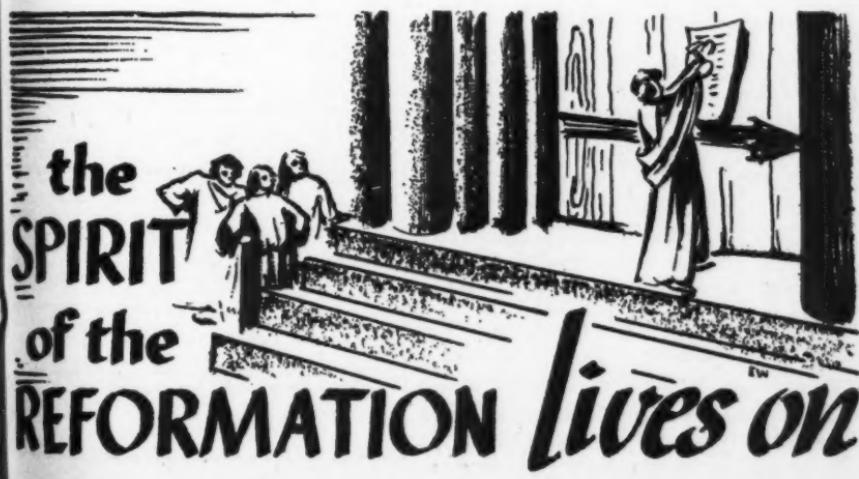
"We must face the fact, and face it with regret, that in the world today Protestantism has merely a nuisance value. It is an ersatz Christianity which can only cloud an issue, since its leaders seem

more concerned with being anti-Catholic than being pro-Christian. In an international age the world stage has grown too big for it. In a world of total war only a total creed can stand up."

These are examples of what the Catholic Church even today thinks about the Protestant Reformation. Yet no one can deny that it is because of the Reformation that we enjoy the blessings that we now have.

THREATS TO FREEDOM

Just because you were born into this freedom in Christ, you may think it was always there for the taking, and that it will always remain for those who will come after you. That is a grave mistake. The more precious a thing is the more it is endangered by those who want to 'destroy it. Satan works overtime to frustrate Christ's saving work on Calvary and to wipe out the freedom that goes with it. He makes use of sinister forces at all times to gain his end. He does so from



two sides: from the side of the good, well-meaning people, and from the side of the bad, evil-meaning people.

THE CHALLENGE

Two forces now threaten the culture of Christian faith and freedom that came out of the Protestant Reformation. On the one hand is the ancient foe of Martin Luther and his associates, the Roman Catholic Church. On the other is the new force of Communism—the violent revolt of the masses against the injustices perpetrated against them down the centuries in the name of Christianity.

Of these two evils Protestant Christianity must *not* choose the lesser. It must choose neither. For it possesses the power to challenge and overcome both, not by any Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrine, ERP, UN, or any alphabetical formula forced upon mankind from above. Not even a regimenting ecumenical Council of Protestant Churches will suffice. All these are but imitations of what has been tried and failed in Fascism, Nazism, Communism and Roman Catholicism.

The only plan that will save our Christian Civilization is the one that will make our civilization Christian. This must work from the ground upwards, must be built up synthetically by units—by a multitude of individual hearts consecrated and endowed with the saving power of Christ. For this is the genius of Christianity, that it is essentially an individual religion, one that generates power by personal contact of man, the sinner, with Christ, his Saviour on Calvary. This personal spiritual relationship first

saves the soul of the sinner, then his social and economic relationships in his community. To try to save the social and economic system outside of him before saving himself from his sinful state is putting the cart before the horse.

This then is the challenge to the world today. This is the only antidote to the confusion we see around us. If we are to continue to enjoy freedom in Christ and to press on to freedom in Christ, and pass it on to future generations, we must uphold the saving power of Christ and demonstrate that power to an unbelieving world. As Protestants, as followers of Martin Luther, as Evangelical Christians, you dare not refuse to take up this challenge!

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OUR FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, William E. Burke, concluded a most successful speaking tour in the vicinity of Owensboro, Kentucky, last July.

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Just a line to say we have greatly enjoyed having Rev. W. E. Burke in our midst for these past few days and to add we sincerely believe he has done us a great deal of good. We greatly admire his splendid spirit and the high plane on which he conducts his work. He is a man I, from personal observation, could recommend without hesitation to fill any of our pulpits.

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► THERE IS IRONY in the public exhibition of Hitler's automobile as an attraction to induce American boys to join the Air Forces. Russia is the enemy these boys will be trained to fight, the same enemy Hitler tried to destroy and failed because these boys' fathers and brothers prevented him from doing so.

► ALL INTERFERENCE by North Bergen police "with games conducted by St. Brigid's Holy Name Social and Cultural Club has been restrained by Vice-Chancellor Charles M. Egan," reports the Jersey "Journal" of last July 7, pending further order of the Chancery Court.

► "TO FULFILL constitutional provisions for complete freedom of religion," the Rumanian Government last July 17th cancelled its concordat with the Vatican concluded in 1929. According to the N. Y. Times of last July 19, under the old concordat with the Vatican, "The churches and the State shared equally in the upkeep of Catholic Schools." Now these schools will be subject only to Rumanian state regulations.

► IN RUMANIA today there are 750 Roman Catholic Churches and an equal number of priests, as well as 1,800 Greek Catholic Churches with 2,100 priests.

► A NEW RETREAT house for laymen "who desire to devote time to spiritual exercises" was opened by the Jesuits last July 2nd in Barrington, Ill. According to the Chicago 'Daily News' of last June 26, located on this 30 acre estate is Bellarmine Hall, with 32 private sleeping rooms, a large reading room and an air-conditioned dining hall. The chapel is equipped with individual chairs instead of pews.

► OF THE 48 states, 16 now provide free transportation to children in parochial schools.

► THE CONFUSION TACTICS of Catholic Church politics are quite bewildering. When the Communist leader, Klement Gottwald, became President of Czechoslovakia last June 11, Roman Catholic Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague ordered a 'Te Deum' (hymn of thanksgiving) to be sung at the Cathedral and personally welcomed the Communist president at the service.

► MANY RELIGIOUS organizations are taking court action in New York challenging the legality of the released-time program of religious instruction in the public schools. They went on record, however, according to the N.Y. Times of May 29, as disassociating themselves from similar action taken by Joseph Lewis of the Free Thinkers of America whose "sole motive in bringing the suit," they charged, "was to further his anti-religious propaganda."

► AT THE INVITATION of Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop Georges d'Arday, the first Apostolic Delegate to Indonesia, made his initial visit to this country. One of the purposes of his visit, stated the N. Y. 'Times' of last July 26, was to arouse interest in founding a Catholic University in Indonesia, where there are 750,000 Catholics. Of the total 72 million population of Indonesia, only 1% is Roman Catholic.

► AN ITALIAN SOCIALIST WOMAN, Angelina Merlin, is trying to wipe out the government-controlled brothel houses in Italy—a relic of old Church-State regimes. Legalized prostitution has now been abolished in all of Europe except Catholic Italy, Portugal and Spain.

► BY THE DEATH of Cardinal Sibilla last August 4, the College of Cardinals was reduced to fifty-nine—twenty-two Italians and thirty-seven non-Italians.

► THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS of New York voted unanimously at their annual convention on May 7, in favor of universal military training.

► PLANS FOR a 10-billion dollar building program among Roman Catholic churches and institutions were launched at the National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition opened last June 30 at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. According to the Chicago Daily Tribune, the "program envisions a decade in which a billion dollars will be spent for construction each year."

► ONLY ATHEISM is constitutional," declared Edmond B. Butler of the Fordham University School of Law at the College Commencement last July 25. Deriding the Supreme Court's decision of last December, Prof. Butler went on to say, "*In our public schools you may preach atheism and, of course, communism, but not God. An appalling decision.*"

► ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, Wyoming, Ohio, was issued a 3.2 beer permit by the State Liquor Department. The application for the church's recreation hall was made, reported a Cincinnati daily newspaper, by the pastor, Rev. Leo M. Walsh.

► DESPITE the death of its founder, Father Flanagan's Boy's Home is undergoing a \$10,000,000 expansion program. The proposed new structures will boost the value of the properties to between 13 and 15 million dollars. When the program is completed, the town will be able to accommodate 1000 boys in place of the present 450. Rev. Edmond C. Walsh is acting director.

► AN EFFORT to secure the sympathy of Roman Catholics throughout the world in behalf of the Arabs against the Jews was made by an appeal to the Pope by the Catholic bishops and priests in Jerusalem last June 5. According to an AP dispatch from there to the N. Y. Times, these Roman Catholic dignitaries reported to the Pope that "Israeli soldiers had not respected holy places in the war in Jerusalem while Arabs kept their word in this respect." Other Christian representatives later denied this report.

► MYRON C. TAYLOR'S fifteenth-century estate, Villa Schifanola, near Florence, Italy, will be officially opened in October, 1948, as an Academy of Fine Arts conducted by the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. The second Academy of its kind in Europe, the Vatican-owned and Nun-conducted school will be open to all American women, regardless of religion, race or color for graduate study in the fine arts. Professors of the University of Florence will conduct courses in painting, sculpture, music and Catholic philosophy. A personal gift of Protestant Episcopal Taylor's to the Pope, the new school will be called "The Institute Pius XII."

► AT HIROSHIMA three years ago, the first atom bomb is estimated to have killed 100,000 persons. But in Dresden, Germany, a few months previous, on the night of March 13-14, 1945, bombs of the combined RAF and the American Air Forces killed between 200,000 and 300,000.

► GLENN L. ARCHER, dean of the law school, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, accepted the position of executive secretary of "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State" (P.O.A.U.), at the executive committee meeting held in Washington last July 28.

In taking the office, Dean Archer stated: "The object of this organization as declared in its Manifesto released last January is to defend and maintain religious liberty in the United States. We aim to inform the public concerning the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. The wall erected by our founding fathers to separate church from state must remain intact. Any and all attempts to climb over, cut through, or dig under that wall must be positively prevented."

► THE KLM, Dutch Government-owned airline corporation, will install portable altars in all their planes to enable Catholic priests to offer the 'sacrifice' of the mass while travelling by air.

► ADDRESSING the 43rd Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus at New Iberia (La.) last May 16, Archbishop Francis J. Rummel declared that, in principle, "We enjoy freedom of religion, but in effect, has not the exclusion of religious instruction from public education alienated millions of Americans from their churches and left them with scarcely a vestige of religious faith and practice?"

"The bogey of 'union of church and state,'" he continued, "has in recent years stalked over the country, a form of intimidation, that may influence adversely the popular mind and even the thinking of judges and legislators."

► "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH stands in Spain for everything that we understand as totalitarian and anti-democratic," according to an article in the British magazine, "*The New Statesman and Nation*," of last April 24. Answering an earlier article portraying the Church in Spain as the champion of freedom by Arnold Lunn, a convert to Romanism, the writer, a liberal Spaniard, continued: *"The Catholic Church stands for the illiteracy of the peasants and the using of the confessional as a political weapon. It owns well nigh two-thirds of the land. The Jesuits are the main shareholders in the Spanish Telephone Company . . . It is to this very day exercising an Inquisitorial censorship on every aspect of Spanish life."*

► "THE TABLET" leading organ of the Roman Catholic Church in England, fiercely attacked the United States Government for its recognition of the new State of Israel. In its issue for last May 22, the 'Tablet' carried a front-page editorial entitled "An American Blunder," and called the recognition "double dealing," "a disastrous step" and "American foreign policy at its crudest."

► MAURICE J. TOBIN, the new Secretary of Labor in President Truman's cabinet, is a Roman Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Catholic order of Foresters.

DR. AYER PRAISES "LABYRINTH"

IN A LONG REVIEW of L. H. Lehmann's book, "Out of the Labyrinth," published in the July issue of *The Calvary Pulpit*, Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of New York City's Calvary Baptist Church, says:

"I wish that every Protestant minister and every intelligent Evangelical would read, re-read and study this book in this crucial hour when Rome is on the march throughout the world with all of her soul destroying powers."

► THE EXCHANGE of personal photo between Hirohito and Pope Pius XII was characterized as "*only an exchange of courtesies*" by a Vatican source in an AP dispatch from there last July 3.

► THE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE 'Information,' for June, 1948, claims that there are 38,980 priests in the United States and about 20,000 seminarians preparing for the priesthood. It estimates that close to 100 million people in the United States "do not feel the influence of our Church."

► A TREATY of friendship and general relations between Spain and the Philippines was formally ratified by President Quiro for the Philippines and Minister Teodomiro Aguilar Salas for Spain last July 25. *"This act,"* declared Quiro, *"is an acknowledgement by the Filipino people of the good work done by Spain in the Philippines, where Spanish . . . religion . . . left its influence in the structure of our nationality."* Reported by an AP dispatch from Manila, Aguilar replied, *"The hearts of the Spanish people beat in unison with the hearts of the Filipinos."*

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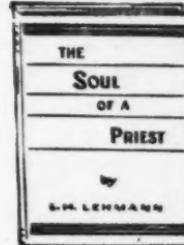
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Is Mary the "Mother of God"?

By PETER DOESWYK

[*Mr. Doeswyk, a former priest, will answer specific questions each month on Roman Catholic doctrine.*]

Question:

Is the Virgin Mary the "mother of God?"

Answer:

No. The Virgin Mary is not the Mother of "God." God has no mother. He had no beginning, but exists from eternity.

Even many non-Catholics accept and use the title "Mother of God" in a popular and poetical sense without being aware of its serious contradiction. The Roman Catholic Church, however, does not look upon this title as a mere figure of speech, nor just a bit of poetry. In Catholic teaching it is not a mere title; it is a doctrine.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE:

"She [Mary] is truly the Mother of God, because Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and truly God."¹

FALLACY OF THIS DOCTRINE:

By the same line of reasoning it could be proved that St. Ann is the "Grandmother" of God, because she is (supposedly) the grandmother of that human nature which is united to the one and divine personality of Jesus Christ. Likewise James, the broth-

er of the Lord, would become the "brother of God" (*adelphotheos*), and David the "forefather of God" (*theopator*), as they were actually called by



"Our Lady of the Cape," who was so devotedly worshipped at the Marian Congress in Ottawa last year that the pants was kissed off her toes.

¹ A Catechism for Inquirers, by Rev. Joseph I. Malloy, C.S.P., N.Y., Paulist press, 1927, p. 79.

the early propounders of this sort of logic.

Such reasoning has no limits. Since the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are but one God, if Mary were the mother of God, she would also become the mother of the Blessed Trinity. She would thus be the mother of her own Creator!

Even a child can see how absurd is this whole Roman doctrine of Mary's divine motherhood. It is pagan in origin, blasphemous ridicule of what is sacred and divine, and its supposed logic is far below that found in the song "I'm My Own Grandpa." Yet Pope Sixtus V in 1587 officially approved the title "*Mater Creatoris*"—Mary, the mother of the Creator. Catholics today publicly pray to Mary as "Mother of our Creator" in the "Litany of the Virgin Mary."

HISTORY OF ROMAN DOCTRINE

The title "mother of God" (*theotokos*: god-bearer) originated in the fourth century, but was not accepted as a doctrine until the fifth century. The great promotor of Mary's divine motherhood was an unscrupulous bishop of Egypt, Cyril, who was promptly anathematized for his new and *idolatrous*² doctrine by the most prominent bishop of his day, Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

At the Council of Ephesus (5th century) Cyril ganged up on Nestorius, and by blackmail and bribery (fairly admitted in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*³) the "mother of God" controver-



Egyptian Madonna Isis, and child Horus.
Note 'Crux Ansata.' Reproduced from
"The God of the Egyptians."



Indian Madonna and child. Reproduced
from Hislop's "Two Babylons."

² *Cath. Encycl.* vol. 3, p. 101.

³ *Cath. Encycl.* vol. 4, p. 593; vol. 5, p. 491f; vol. 10, p. 755.

sy was settled in favor of Cyril. Consequently Cyril has been pronounced a 'saint,' and Nestorius a 'heretic.' The name of Cyril is still remembered in the Mass of February 9th wherein he is called "the invincible champion of the divine motherhood of the most blessed Virgin Mary." The name of Nestorius is immortalized by his followers, the Nestorians, a sect of the Eastern church, who remain as witnesses today of the origin of the "mother of God" doctrine in the fourth and fifth centuries.

PAGAN ORIGIN

Centuries before Christ, the pagans of the world worshipped a mother-of-God with a baby-god in her arms. In Egypt, the Egyptian madonna, Isis, carrying her little Sun-god, Horus, in her arms, became so popular that the worship of Seb, the Father of the gods, was supplanted by this mother-goddess. From Egypt her worship spread to Rome.

Once Mary had been proclaimed the "mother of God" and the "Queen of heaven" (moon), the very statues of Isis were carried from vacated pagan temples and, without alteration, installed as Christian Madonnas in the churches of Rome.

The Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics, Vol. vii, p. 238 says: "Isis herself was identified with the Virgin Mary, Horus with Christ."



A statue of the Egyptian Madonna Isis with her son Horus.



A modern French Catholic painting of the Virgin Mary with Christ.



THE BLACK VIRGIN OF ALTÖTTING
A lime-wood statue of a Roman Catholic "Miraculous" Madonna and child, dating back to 1300 A.D.

The Egyptian Madonnas-with-child in the Metropolitan Museum of New York, the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, and others, are witnesses of the pagan origin of the Roman Catholic Mother-of-God cult.

ROME'S DESIGN

To frustrate the work of complete salvation by Christ, the worship of a divine Mediator was substituted by that of a human "Mediatrrix." To accommodate Rome, many monks eagerly stooped to an all-time low in blasphemous vulgarity by 'reasoning' that



A 16th century Roman Catholic Madonna, holding Christ, standing upon the moon and ejecting rays of the sun.

the Holy Spirit could not have overshadowed Mary without her consent, for this would constitute rape. God's will depended on Mary's will. Thomas Aquinas, the greatest genius in Roman sophistry, teaches the same blasphemy, namely, that the redemption of mankind depended on the consent of Mary.⁴

Thus the "Mother of God" was gradually introduced as the "Mediatrrix" and the dispenser of all divine graces, and became "Queen and Gate of heaven," "*at whose command all things obey, even God.*"⁵

⁴ *Summa*, part III, art. 30.

⁵ Alphonsus Liguori.

SCRIPTURAL TEACHING

The word *theotokos* is not found in the Bible, nor in the Apocrypha, nor in any of the numerous Christian writings of the first three centuries. Early Rome did not have a Mary-cult, as is evident from the Calendar of Christian feast days drawn up by the Council of Laodicea (4th century).

The Roman Mary-cult is a confusion between means and end. Scriptural references to Mary are rare, and occur only in so far as they are necessary to the life story of Jesus. In the epistle of Paul to the church of Rome, Mary is not mentioned at all. In the Roman Gospel (Mark) Mary is only mentioned by a group of unbelievers. Other Gospels refer to Mary as "the mother of Jesus" or "His mother," but never as "the mother of God."



Egyptian Madonna Isis, Goddess of the Moon, with arms extended, dispensing grace. (Found in Tutankhamen's Tomb. B.C. 1358)



MODERN ROMAN CATHOLIC MADONNA

"Our Lady of Grace," again standing on the moon. Notice the serpent under Mary's heel, although Gen. 3:15 clearly states that "He [the Redeemer, Christ] shall bruise thy head."

Mary refers to herself as the "handmaiden" of the Lord. (*Luke 1:48*) Realizing her sinful human nature, and her need of salvation, she brought God a sin offering after the birth of Christ, and called him "My Savior." (*Luke 1:47; 2:24*.)



CATHOLIC MEDICAL CODE

MANY THINGS surgeons do to save a life and cure the sick are not approved by the medical code of the Roman Catholic Church. Medical men themselves would be greatly surprised to discover how many of their practices are condemned as criminal in the textbooks of the Roman Catholic theologians.

A news report from Cleveland last June 10 in the N. Y. Times announces that "a new comprehensive code of medical ethics is being prepared" by Catholic Church authorities and will soon be ready. A Jesuit priest, Rev. Gerald Kelly of St. Mary's College, Kansas, described as "an expert on morals and theology," made the announcement on that date to the annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association. Among other things, he told the gathering that the new code would go into detail on such matters as "psychiatry, disposal of amputated limbs and directives on abortion, sterilization, hysterectomy and birth control." Lobotomy, an operation incising a lobe of the brain, he announced, was now allowable by the Catholic Church "when used as a last resort" to cure those suffering from serious mental illness. Hypnosis, as a means of testing mental illness, would also be allowed in Catholic medical ethics.

The aim in all this is to get non-Catholic doctors to abide by the Catholic medical code when treating Catholics. This Jesuit priest declared: "I can safely say that many non-Catholics are eager to follow the guidance of Catholic moralists, especially when treating Catholic patients."

There are many things, however, in this Catholic medical code (treatment of ectopic gestations, for instance) that medical men must reject as entirely unethical according to the ethics of their profession. We do not think that any American surgeon, Catholic or non-Catholic, would ever follow the Catholic Church's directive (reiterated only last May 21 by Pope Pius XII) that at childbirth the mother's life if necessary must be sacrificed to save that of the child.



RELIGION IN RUSSIA

COMMENTING on a report on religion in Russia as found in the concluding volume of the "Large Soviet Encyclopedia," the N. Y. Herald Tribune of last July 4 states that "Ten major religious faiths are recognized as legal organizations by the Soviet government. "The leading faith," says this article, "continues to be the Russian Orthodox Church. Next in number are the Moslems, followed by Roman Catholics and other Christian believers. The Buddhist and Jewish faith are the last two on the list given in the Encyclopedia."

"The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the Soviet Union is headed by Anthony Springovich, seventy-one, and consists of one archbishop, two bishops and an undesignated number of priests.

"Chief among Protestant churches is the Baptist Evangelical, formed of three formerly independent groups of Baptists and Evangelists. The Lutheran Church is found active chiefly in

Latvia and Estonia, where two pastors fulfill the duties of archbishops and preside at church councils.

"The Jewish faith does not have a united religious center. Various synagogues exist independently of each other.

"In addition to these principal religious groups, the Encyclopedia mentioned as minor organizations the Seventh Day Adventists, Methodists, Molokans and Karaits."

'MIRACLE' IN REVERSE

YOU'VE OFTEN heard about 'miracle' cures happening in Roman Catholic churches and how the blind see, the lame walk and the dumb speak at 'miraculous' shrines.

Here's a case where a man was struck dumb in a Roman Catholic church and was cured on a roller-coaster in Coney Island!

Emilio Franco, according to the story in the N. Y. *Times* of last August 12, "became a victim of 'hysteria-aphonia' on January 31, 1943, when he was an Army private at Camp Hale, Colo. While praying in a camp Catholic church he suddenly keeled over. Not until 10:30 P.M. last Friday did he utter another word."

His cure happened while taking a ride on the steep-dipping roller-coaster, ninety-six feet high, at Coney Island, and called the "Cyclone." At the second dip Mr. Franco shrieked, and began to scream. When he landed, his first coherent words since that day in the Catholic church in 1943 were: "I feel sick." His speech has now returned to normal.

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There is a need for many books like this of Mrs. Gunderson's and for a wide circulation of those which, like hers, have been made available in such an attractive form.

—L.H.L.

• A NEW BOOK, "The Settlement of the Eternal City," by Giuseppe Di Gioia, (Barrett, \$2.75) was published last August 7. It is a propaganda book advocating "the extension of the State of Vatican City to include the whole of Rome."

WISE WARNING

A REPORT of the Social Service Commission of the New York Conference of the Methodist Church adopted last May 28, stated:

"We request our President to cease regarding the Vatican as a national entity, and to recall any personal representative at once. The sending of an official representative of our Government or a 'personal representative' of the President to the Vatican is contrary to the First Amendment of the Constitution, and tends to emphasize the divided loyalty of Roman Catholics who are citizens of the United States of America."

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The Editor's Mailbag

REV. LUIS G. VALENCIA, former Roman Catholic whose letter we published last June [See CCM, June, 1948, p. 169], writes to thank the many readers who kindly wrote to help him, and sends us the picture of himself when he began his studies for the priesthood. He says in part:

Dear Brother Lehmann:

It is impossible for me to answer personally the many letters and other helps I have received from your readers. They came from almost every State, from Canada, Havana, Cuba, and other places, some from former priests and some from Roman Catholic lay people. Although I do not feel completely free as yet from the effects of the many

years of doubt and fear I suffered which made me so miserable and unhappy, I am happy to say that a load of fear has left me as a result of the prayers and other helps given by your readers. There is no doubt the Lord has heard the petitions and supplications offered in my behalf. Please convey for me to these friends my sincere thanks and wishes.

Cordially,
Luis G. Valencia

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